

MARY ANN ELIZABETH WORLTON WOOLSTON

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Mary Ann Elizabeth Worlton was born in Lehi, Utah, September 8, 1872, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Bone Worlton. When she was sixteen months old, her brother, John just older than herself, was drowned in a well. Grief overcame her mother so much that shortly after the birth of her third child, a boy, she died. Soon the baby followed the mother.

Her father married Anna Bronnelson February 20, 1877, and Mary was reared with her brothers and sisters in a good Latter-day Saint home.

At the age of twenty-one, she was married to Joseph Hyrum Woolston in the Salt Lake Temple, January 17, 1894.

She became the mother of twelve children, seven of whom are now living. Even though deprived of many things, the inspiration which the children received from their parents has always acted as a guide in their lives. All have attended schools of higher learning. With the help of the eldest daughter, Arvilla Woolston Wheelwright, two of the boys served as missionaries for their church.

On March 12, 1916, her husband died leaving her to finish rearing her children alone. In spite of the extra load, she managed to find time to help in church work and to assist others less fortunate than herself.

She is happy to respond to all requests made of her by the church and has tried to pass this characteristic on to her posterity which now numbers seven children, twenty-one grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.